Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, June 9, 1990, marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of an architectural office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, by Harold T. Spitznagel (1896-1975) a native of this city and state; and,

WHEREAS, This Sioux Falls office, which practices as Spitznagel Incorporated, has emerged as the largest architectural and engineering firm within the state of South Dakota. Spitznagel has executed distinctive and notable structures in 81 different South Dakota communities including: the Sylvan Lake Hotel, the Sioux Falls City Hall, the Huron Arena, the John Morrell and Company Visitor Building, the Mt. Rushmore Visitor Center, the Stavkirke "Chapel in the Hills," Our Savior's Lutheran Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Zion Mennonite Church, the First Congregational Church, the Minnehaha Country Club, the Sioux Falls Arena, the National Bank of South Dakota, Lincoln Senior High School, the Gilbert Science Center at Augustana College, and the Barnett Center at Northern State University--just to name a few; and,

WHEREAS, Significant expansion began in 1969 when The Spitznagel Partners (TSP) founded offices in Rochester, Minnesota, followed by the establishment of TSP Group offices in Minneapolis and Willmar, Minnesota; Rapid City, South Dakota; Sheridan and Gillette, Wyoming; and Denver, Colorado. The Spitznagel/TSP Group now employs over 160 individuals. The most recent ranking by the McGraw-Hill "Engineering News-Record" (April 6, 1989) includes the Spitznagel/TSP Group as the only South Dakota based firm among the "Top 500 Design Firms" in the United States. And, the most recent ranking by "Building and Design Construction" (July 1989) indicates the dollar volume of business activity for the Spitznagel/TSP Group is 47th in the nation among the top 300 similar firms in this country; and,

WHEREAS, Joseph Stuart, director of the South Dakota Memorial Art Center in Brookings, wrote in 1975, "The architecture of Harold Spitznagel, accomplished over the past forty-five years of practice in South Dakota, constitutes one of the most profound influences on the image of this state in this state's history;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 9, 1990, as

SPITZNAGEL DAY

in South Dakota to honor and to recognize the contributions of Harold T. Spitznagel, his partners, associates, colleagues and employees who have made such a remarkable impact upon the lifestyles of the people of the state of South Dakota during the past 60 years; and to inspire those of the Spitznagel/TSP Group who now carry that proud tradition of distinguished service into the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety.

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE